

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. The Office Action allowed claims 1-26 and 28-53. The Office Action rejected claims 74-77, 78-81, and 85-88 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application 2004/0042402A1 to Galand et al. ("Galand"). Claims 27, 54, 55, 57, 61-65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 82, and 89 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Galand in view of U.S. Patent No. 6, 728, 484B1 to Ghani et al. ("Ghani"). Claims 58, 59, and 68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being unpatentable over Galand in view of Ghani and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,885 to Bondi. Claims 60 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Galand in view of Ghani and in further view of "A Framework for Multiprotocol Label Switching" to Callon et al. ("Callon"). Claims 83 and 90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Galand in view of Callon.

Applicants have canceled rejected claims 27, 54, 55, 57-83, 85-90 in order to expedite issuance of this application. Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation or divisional application. Claims 84 and 91 have been canceled as a result of an earlier restriction requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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